

San Marino, Huntington Library, HM 00065

Description: ff. 271 - Bound, s. XVI (?), in limp parchment, remains of 2 leather fore edge ties; edges stained yellow; title on the spine in a decorative gothic hand, "Almagestum Ptolomaei cum tabulis. Manuscript."; endpapers renewed. Same binding on HM 1035. - Erased inscriptions at the top of ff. ii, 1. Belonged to Pier Leoni (d. 1492), physician to Lorenzo de' Medici; n. 111 in the inventory of his books compiled in 1582 and published by L. Dorez, "Recherches sur la bibliothèque de Pier Leoni, médecin de Laurent de Médicis," *Revue des Bibliothèques* 7 (1897) 81-106. Identified by J. Ruyschaert, "Nouvelles recherches au sujet de la bibliothèque de Pier Leoni médecin de Laurent le Magnifique," *Bulletin de la classe des lettres et des sciences morales et politiques de l'Académie royale de Belgique*, ser. 5, 46 (1960) 37-65. Probably belonged to the Jesuit College in Rome, some of whose books passed to the Vatican Library in 1912. At the same time approximately 27 of their manuscripts were sold to the bookdealer W. Voynich, including HM 65. Handwritten bookdealer's notice in French, n. 58, on inside of front cover. Belonged to the Chicago theologian and book collector Rev. Frank W. Gunsaulus (1856-1921); letter addressed to him by Prof. E. J. Goodspeed dated 25 February 1916 in Huntington files. - C. W. Dutschke with the assistance of R. H. Rouse et al., *Guide to Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the Huntington Library* (San Marino, 1989). De Ricci, 49. *Aspects of Medieval England: Manuscripts for Research in the Huntington Library*, an Exhibition prepared for the Medieval Academy of America, 14 April 1972 [San Marino 1972], n. 42 open at f. 235.

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Language: Latin *Country:* France *Century:* 13th

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Part 1: ff. 1-271v

Description: - Parchment - 226 x 319 mm - 1-17¹² 18¹⁴(through f. 218) 19¹² 20¹²(-11 after f. 240, with no loss of text) 21-22¹² 23⁸(-7, 8). Quires signed in arabic numerals on last verso bottom center and occasionally on the first recto. 34 long lines, ruled in fine lead with wide lower margins.

Country: France

Cardinal point:

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Assigned Date: s. XIII^{4/4}

Searchable Date Range: 1275 - 1299

Dated by scribe: No

Inscribed Date: 1279

Document: No

Number of Scribes: ;

Script: Littera textualis

Figurative Decoration: Opening historiated initial, f. 1, 6-line, depicts the prince Abu 'l-Wafâ' holding an armillary sphere and discoursing with a scholar.

Other Decoration: 5- or 4-line initials, after f. 2 set outside the written space, in white-patterned pink or blue on ground of the other color, infilled with colored trilobe leaves or biting animal heads, with cusped bar border inhabited by drolleries (rabbit and hound; lion; bird). Numerous geometrical projections in the margins in red, green, black, and yellow ink.

Notes: Copied in 1279 according to the date on f. 184 (part of the explicit of Book 11). Latin

Number of Texts: 2

Text 1: ff. 1-218v

Author: Ptolemy

Other Associate: Gerard of Cremona, translator

Title: Almagest

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Bonum scire fuit quod sapientibus non deviantibus visum est

Explicit: Finit dictio undecima almagesti ptolomei pheludiensis. Anno domini millesimo ducentesimo septuagesimo nono A littera dominicali anno cicli solaris undecimo bissextili tercio lunari quarto decemnovenali septimo concurrente quarto epacta 6 scriptus est liber....et abbreviationem arrogantiam et collaudationem. Item iam sequitur et honestum est ut ponamus hic finem libri. Explicit almagesti.

Notes: Text preceded by prologue ("Quidam princeps nomine albugaue in libro suo quem scientiarum electionem et verborum nominavit pulchritudinem dixit...") and chapter list. Ptolemy, *Syntaxis Mathematica* or *Almagest*, in the translation of Gerard of Cremona, first printed in Venice by Petrus Liechtenstein, 1515. See Aristoteles Latinus 379; F. Carmody, *Arabic Astronomical and Astrological Sciences in Translation* (Berkeley and Los Angeles 1956) 15; P. Kunitzsch, *Der Almagest; Die Syntaxis Mathematica des Claudius Ptolomäus in arabisch-lateinischer Überlieferung* (Wiesbaden 1974), this manuscript cited pp. 91, 384. Frequent marginalia in a contemporary hand, possibly that of the scribe; occasional fifteenth century marginalia which may be in the hand of Pier Leoni (e.g. ff. 20, 24, 40, 52v).

Text 2: ff. 219-270v; f. 271r-v blank

Title: Astronomical tables

Language(s): Latin

Notes: Twenty astronomical tables connected to the appropriate places in the text by tie marks. A version of the 14th table, ff. 241-258, the "tabula stellarum fixarum," printed in C. H. F. Peters and E. B. Knobel, *Ptolemy's Catalogue of Stars, A Revision of the Almagest* (Washington 1915) 27-50; due to error in Gerard of Cremona's translation (Peters and Knobel, 14), the latitudes of 60 and odd degrees have been rendered as 300 and odd degrees (here, ff. 242, 243r-v); those on f. 242 have been corrected in a near contemporary hand.

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